REMARKS

Claims 1 to 9 and 11 as set forth in Appendix II of this paper are pending in this case. Claim 11 has been canceled, and Claims 3, 5, 8, 9 and 11 have been amended, as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I of this paper.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency, and to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the attached and consideration thereof is respectfully solicited.

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Encl.: THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix I)

THE AMENDED CLAIMS (Appendix II)

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